Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 20 May 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 21 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 00:09

Confidence: High for a spell of unseasonably wet and very windy weather on Thursday and Friday and for conditions to remain unsettled through the weekend and into next week. Moderate confidence for the details and timings of the rain and for a somewhat drier day on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 20 May 2021: Becoming increasingly very wet and windy with severe gales developing over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 20 May 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
30%	40%	60%	70%	80%	80%

Forecast for Thursday 20 May 2021

Weather: Showery rain arriving soon after dawn and this becoming increasingly persistent through the morning, with heavy pulses at times, particularly during the afternoon. Winds will quickly increase during the morning with southerly gales developing. Remaining very windy throughout the day with gales in many areas and severe gales at height.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 40% through the morning, increasing to 60% during the afternoon.

Visibility: Generally moderate to poor visibility with rain reducing visibility to a few kilometres in the valleys and very poor visibilities in the hill fog. Very poor visibility in patches of cloud above 500m during the morning. Bases lifting above summits for some areas during the afternoon, mainly in the east.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	22/29 S	33/44 S	35/47 S	42/56 SW	41/56 SW	38/54 SW	37/53 SW
300	10/21 S	21/41 S	20/42 S	26/51 SW	25/51 SW	24/49 SW	24/48 SW
Valley	7/18 S	19/41 S	18/40 S	22/48 SW	22/49 SW	21/48 SW	22/48 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	5/-0	6/-1	7/1	7/1	6/-0	6/-1	6/-0
300	8/5	9/4	9/5	10/6	9/4	8/3	8/3
Valley	8/7	10/6	10/7	11/7	9/6	8/4	9/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1400m	1800m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Very strong gusts of wind in excess of 70 mph are possible on many summits and ridges from late afternoon. Winds of this strength will make walking extremely arduous and may result in one being blown over. Water run-off is likely on all paths and will give wet slippery rock surfaces, particularly hazardous on steep routes. A significant wind chill will make it feel like it is well below freezing on the summits.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
02:00 on Wed 19 May 2021	9mm	9mm	25.4mm

Forecast for Friday 21 May 2021

Weather: Severe gales on the summits slowly easing through the morning but heavy rain continuing. The rain may become more showery later in the afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 45-55 mph gusting 70 mph during the early hours, easing to westerly 30 mph gusting 45mph by early afternoon. Easing further into the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 40%.

Visibility: Extensive cloud above 500-600m with occasional patches as low as 400m at times. Visibility will often be very poor at higher levels within the cloud, and even at lower levels rain will reduce visibilities to moderate at best.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to plus 13 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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